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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

S.C. FALCO ET AL.

CASE NO.: BB1336USCNT

APPLICATION NO.: 10/076,785

GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

FILED: FEBUARY 15, 2002

EXAMINER: KERR, KATHLEEN M

CONFIRMATION NO.: 4051

FOR: Polynucleotides Encoding Plant Cysteine Proteases

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 5, 2005 regarding the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request entry of this response after final on the ground that it places the claims in form for allowance. Alternatively, it is believed to put the application in better form for consideration on appeal. Reconsideration is respectfully requested and the following submitted in support thereof.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.